

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicant to the Examiner's comments and rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Parliaman, U.S. Patent No. 513,246, as detailed in the Office Action.

Furthermore, applicant gratefully notes the Examiner's indication that Claims 2-5 are directed to subject matter which is considered to be allowable and would be allowed if rewritten in independent, including meeting any objections on formal grounds.

Accordingly, in order to clearly and unambiguously distinguish over the art and present allowable claims, applicant has cancelled Claims 1-5 without prejudice or disclaimer and in lieu thereof herewith presents new Claims 6-24.

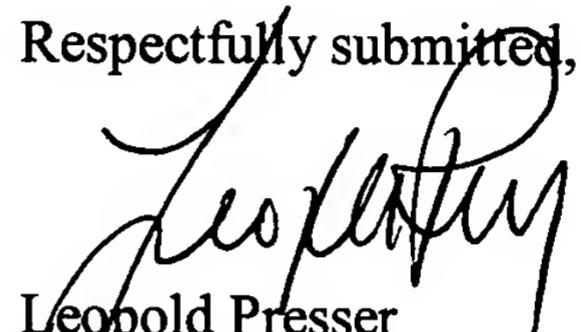
In particular, new independent Claim 6 comprises the subject matter of allowable combined Claims 1 and 2; new independent Claim 12 comprises the subject matter of combined previous Claims 1 and 3; and new independent Claim 17 comprises the subject matter of previous Claims 1 and 4.

The foregoing claims are each directed to subject matter, which is considered to be allowable by the Examiner, and with the remaining claims being either directly or indirectly dependent therefrom.

Furthermore, the claims have also been amended in minor grammatical form to conform more closely to the U.S. claim drafting practice, and should, thus, meet all of the requirements to place the present application into order for allowance.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing, the early issuance of the Notice of Allowance by the Examiner is earnestly solicited. However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicant's attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,



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